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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AN ELYSEE SPOKESMAN, MICHEL ROUGAGNOU, ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 14 THAT DURING CURRENT FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT (FRANCE AND FORMER FRENCH COLONIES), PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAD EXPRESSED "THE DESIRE OF FRANCE THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BE GUARANTEED BY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND NOT MERELY BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES." ROUGAGNOU ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD UNDERLINED THE FACT THAT "HE DID NOT WISH THAT ANYONE SHOULD HOPE THAT WE WERE EXPECTING, IN THIS AFFAIR, THE SUPPORT OF AFRICA: THE AFRICAN STATES HAVE INTERESTS AND A POSITION WHICH ARE THEIR OWN IN THIS MATTER." ACCORDING TO ROUGAGNOU, POMPIDOU HAD WISHED MERELY TO EXPOSE TO THE AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE THE FRENCH POSITION AND HAD CONCLUDED "THE ONLY THING THAT WE WANT IS PEACE AND THE TRIUMPH OF THE CAUSE OF PEACE."

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